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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: DOWNED KOREAN AIRLINES PLANE

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1. CENTRAL DISPATCH SERVICE (CDS) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION, THROUGH WHICH EMBASSY IS COORDINATING THE FLIGHT OF THE PAN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT, OFFICIALLY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF THE PAN AMERICAN WILL NOT REPEAT WILL NOT NEED VISAS AND THAT MEDICAL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ON BOARD THE FLIGHT. AT THE SAME TIME, CDS OFFICIAL STATED THAT ONLY ONE FLIGHT WILL BE PERMITTED AND THAT ALL THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF THE KOREAN AIRLINES AIRCRAFT MUST BE ON BOARD, ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS ON INJURIES WERE PROVIDED.

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2. BEFORE THE AIRCRAFT CAN DEPART FROM BERLIN FOR LENINGRAD, CDS HAS STATED THAT THE EMBASSY MUST TRANSMIT ALL THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAS 2 AND 4 OF REFTEL A. IN ADDITION, IT HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE AIRCRAFT CAN FLY DIRECT LY TO HELSINKI FROM MURMANSK, BUT THAT THE AIRCRAFT MUST FLY BY AN INTERNATIONAL CORRIDOR.

3. THE CDS HAS ALSO STATED THAT THE PAN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT MAY TRANSPORT THE TWO DEAD BODIES. TRANSPORT OF THE DEAD BODIES, ACCORDING TO THE CDS DEPENDS "ONLY UPON THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE BOEING 727." WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY WHICH SPOKE WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS APRIL 22 THAT ONE OF THE DEAD IS JAPANESE AND ONE KOREAN.

4. GEORGE RUECKERT, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN AMCONGEN LENINGRAD, WILL ACCOMPANY THE FLIGHT FROM LENINGRAD TO MURMANSK AND FROM MURMANSK TO HELSINKI.

5. IN ADDITION, JAPANESE EMBASSY IS SENDING TWO OFFICERS FROM MOSCOW TO LENINGRAD TO BOARD PANAM PLANE THERE. OFFICERS ARE FIRST SECRETARY NOMURA AND ATTACHE SHIRAISHI. THEY WILL REACH LENINGRAD ONLY AT 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME (1300 ZULU), HOWEVER, AND IF THIS IS TOO LATE, VICE CONSUL K. TAMAKI FROM LENINGRAD WILL GO IN THEIR PLACE.

6. MFA HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT IT URGENTLY NEEDS FLIGHT PLANS REQUESTED EARLIER, STATING THAT "BALL IS IN YOUR COURT." PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH TWO IMMEDIATELY, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL CORRIDOR BY WHICH PAN AM PROPOSES TO FLY FROM MURMANSK TO HELSINKI. USBER MIGHT CONSIDER TELEPHONING INFORMATION TO ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN MOSCOW IF IT BELIEVES IT CAN GET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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